Are we still alive?

Church #5

I. The destination of the letter (_____) (Rev 3:1a)
   A. The seven spirits – The _____ of Holy Spirit as _____ by Christ
   B. The seven stars - represent the ministers or pastors of the churches
II. Christ acknowledges their accomplishments (Rev 3:1)
   A. They were once a very _____ church
   B. While they still have a _____ for being alive, they were dead
III. Christ's rebuke of Sardis (Wake up and get back on _____ before it is to _____) (Rev 3:2)
("Wake up!" is a direct command to revive _____ and obedience)
V. Christ's warning to Sardis (Rev 3:3)
   A. Hold on to what you have received – The _____ and God's _____
   B. Repent and let the Word of God be the final _____ in their lives
   C. If you refuse, Christ will bring _____ judgment upon you
VI. Christ's promise to those who remain faithful to the end (Rev 3:4-6)
   A. They are _____ to _____ with Christ (Rev. 3:4)
      1. Not soiled their clothes
         a. Showed _____
         b. Remained _____ and faithful to God
         c. Did not _____ compromise themselves, even in a corrupt environment
      2. Dressed in white – symbolizing _____ and victory
      3. Walk with Christ – _____ and continued _____ with Him
   B. Their salvation is _____ (Rev. 3:5)
      1. Death will not _____ us from God
      2. Christ will _____ us when we face judgment
      3. Will share in Christ's _____
      4. _____ will be kept in the book of life
      5. Will be _____ before God and His angels
   C. Jesus message is for _____ churches (Rev. 3:6)

How do we stay alive and active as a church?

I. We need to _____ in the _____
II. How do we walk in the light? (I John 2:1-17)
   A. Strive to be _____ (I John 2:1-2)
   B. Obey God's _____ (I John 2-6)
   By obeying God's commands:
      1. we come to _____ God (I John 2:3-4)
      2. we reveal God's _____ (I John 2:5a)
      3. we are able to _____ as Christ lived (I John 2:5b-6)
   C. _____ your brother (I John 2:9-11)
   D. Do not _____ after the things of the world (I John 2:15-17)

Questions to Ponder

I. Do you need to _____ _____ spiritually?
II. Does FBC need to _____ _____ spiritually?
III. What is keeping you from the _____ God wants for you?
IV. What is keeping FBC from the _____ God wants?
V. Are we ready to _____ the heart of God?